

**MINUTES OF DISTRICT 69 SEMI ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Held on Sunday 14 November, 2010 at Rydges Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon, Qld,

**1. Introduction**

The meeting was opened at 9am by the District Sergeant at Arms, Carolyn Phillips DTM, who read the Mission of the district, acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, conducted the Mace ceremony and handed control of the meeting to the District Governor, Bruce George.

The District Secretary, Brian O'Neill, read the Notice of Meeting

The District Governor, Bruce George, welcomed and acknowledged the attendance of:

- International Director and PDG – Mike Storkey DTM
- Region Advisor - Marketing, PDG (Dist 70) – Sue Haynes DTM
- Immediate Past District Governor – Coral McVean DTM
- District PRO and PDG – Rose Chant DTM
- PDG – Lesley Storkey DTM
- PDG – Sandra Simpson DTM
- PDG – David Bowden DTM
- PDG – Colin McFarlane
- Immediate Past District Governor – District 70 – Ian Chick DTM

The District Governor called for one minute's silence to honour the district members or family of members who had passed away during the past six months.

Introduction of the top table:

District Parliamentarian, Greg Bremen and District Secretary Brian O'Neill.

A welcome to all members and guests was extended by District Governor, Bruce George.

**2. Quorum**

The District Parliamentarian, Greg Bremen, advised the meeting that with 182 clubs, we require 122 presidents and vice presidents education to form a quorum. As there were only 67 presidents and vice presidents education registered, the meeting did not have a quorum. Voting strength for the meeting is 67 members and 16 executive giving a voting strength of 83, requiring 44 votes to pass a motion.

**3. Attendance**

As per the Registration documents and Council Meeting attendance register.

**4. Apologies**

The following apologies were received prior to the meeting:

Gavin Blakey (President – Brisbane CC, PDG, Past International President);  
Jan Corcut (VPE – Brisbane CC); Dudley Cowan (A29 Governor); Dee Douglas (President – Serendipity);  
Gary Euston (Area 23 Governor); Sandra Field (President – Eyeopeners); Tony Hassall (W Div Governor);  
Sarah Hayes (VPE - Serendipity); Joe Joseph (A18 Governor); Barbara Kerslake (VPE – Compass); Marissa Kerr  
(president – Ipomoea); Adrian Pauley (VPE – Ipomoea);  
Anne Muscat (VPE – Calen Canefields); Rachel Pleasant (President – Southport);  
Joan Small (VPE – Southport); Geoff Stern (VPE – Runaway 2000);  
Guido Shouteten (Area 22 Governor); Mary Wallace (President – Calen Canefields); June Watson (A15 Governor);

Additional apologies were received on the day and are recorded with the attendance lists.

Moved - Ros Close; Seconded - Muriel Smith. Carried.

**5. Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous District Council Meeting were tabled in the Meeting Papers.

Moved – Brian O'Neill (District Secretary) Seconded – Janet Coleman (Rocky Mouth). Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes.

None.

**6. Correspondence:**

The Inward and Outward correspondence was tabled in the Meeting papers.

“That the inward correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.”

Moved – Brian O’Neill (District Secretary), Seconded – Ros Close. Carried.  
Business arising from the Correspondence.  
None.

**7. Ratification:**

That the decisions made by the District 69 Executive since May, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010, including the appointment of Area Governors, be ratified.

Moved – Bruce George, Seconded – Earth Warratah. Carried.

**8. Treasurer’s Report:**

Copies of the District 69 Treasurer’s Report and the District 69 Budget were distributed to all present. Barry Mason, District 69 Treasurer, moved that the Treasurer’s Report and the district Budget be adopted. Seconded – Rod Luck. Carried.

Business Arising

- In response to a question pertaining to TLI and Divisions and Areas, Barry Mason stated that Divisions and Areas are responsible for their own costs.
- Joan Faoagali (MDG) raised the question regarding the Exchange Rate. Discussion regarding the calculation of the exchange rate followed.

**9. Reports:**

DG - Moved – Bruce George DTM; Seconded – Barry Mason

LGET - Moved – John Kay DTM; Seconded – Ian Pinker

Muriel Smith raised the question of the word “rotating” in the LGET report. It was decided to discuss this in General Business.

LGM - Moved – Charlie Starrett DTM; Seconded – Rose Chant DTM

PRO - Moved – Rose Chant DTM; Seconded – Evelyn Ybarzabal

IPDG - Moved – Coral McVean DTM; Seconded – Charlie Starrett DTM

SAA - Moved – Carolyn Phillips DTM; Seconded Deb Smith.

Bruce George acknowledged the great work being done by Carolyn Phillips in the role as Sergeant at Arms.

CDG - Moved – Grant MacDonald; Seconded – Muriel Smith

EDG - Moved – Jim Jaeger; Seconded – Ros Close

MDG - Moved Joan Faoagali; Seconded – Evelyn Ybarzabal

NDG - Moved \_ John McLean; Seconded – Grant McDonald

SDG - Moved – Jackie Hamilton; Seconded – Charlie Starrett DTM

WDG - Moved – Brian O’Neill; Seconded – Rose chant DTM

All reports as moved and seconded were carried.

**10. Motions on Notice**

**Motion 1** - Area Governor Elections

“That the words ‘Area Governors be elected by Area Councils and all other be inserted after the words ‘That the’ in paragraph 2.2 of the District 69 Administrative Procedures and Practices”.

Paragraph 2.2 would read “That the Area Governors be elected by the Area Councils and all other above listed officers of District be appointed positions.”

Coral McVean moved an amendment that the word “recommend” be included in the motion. Greg Breman advised that the amendment changed the intent of the motion. The motion was put to the vote and the motion was LOST.

**Motion 2** – Contest in Areas with four assigned clubs or fewer.

“That a new paragraph 1.3 (i) be inserted in the District 69 Administrative Procedures and Practices”

1.3 (i) “That, for each contest held in an area, that areas with four assigned clubs, or fewer shall allow the two highest place available contestants from each club to compete in the area contest.”

Moved – Greg Bremen

Greg Bremen (District Parliamentarian) sought leave of the meeting to withdraw the motion. Carried.

**Motion 3** – Area Contest Timing

“That new paragraphs 1.4 (d) to 1.4 (g) be inserted in the district 69 Administrative Procedures and Practices.”

Moved – Greg Bremen; Seconded – Barry Mason

Joan Faoagali stated that while she supported paragraphs 1.4 (d) and 1.4 (e), she objected to paragraphs 1.4 (f) and 1.4 (g).

It was moved by Rose Chant and seconded by Lesley Storkey that this motion be put in four parts. Carried.

1.4 (d) “That the contest cycle in District 69 shall be from the start of the Toastmasters year to the end of the District contests held at the annual District 69 Conference. All Club, Area, Division and District contests shall be conducted during the contest cycle.” Carried.

1.4 (e) “That Division contests be completed and notification of contest winners be submitted to the District LGET at least two weeks prior to the District contests.

Amendment “That the words ‘2 weeks’ be replaced by the words ‘4 weeks’. Moved – Muriel Smith DTM; Seconded – Lesley Storkey DTM. Carried.

**Amended Motion** – “That Division contests be completed and notification of contest winners be submitted to the District LGET at least four weeks prior to the District contests. Carried.

1.4 (f) “It is recommended that Clubs hold their contests in the New Year of the contest cycle.”

Lost

1.4 (g) “It is recommended that Clubs hold their contests after the start of October in the contest cycle.”

Lost

**Motion 4** – Support for NT members to attend Northern Division conference.

“That District 69 financially support members to travel to Northern Division Conferences (both Area and Division level) when those members have to travel over 400 kms to attend.

Moved – Shirley Alison (Area 9 Governor). John McLean (NDG) spoke on her behalf. This motion lapsed for want of a seconder. Greg Bremen (District Parliamentarian) advised that the motion is invalid as, if passed as presented, the effect would contravene Toastmasters International policy on the use of funds. Barry Mason (District Treasurer) advised that under the Rules of the Travel Fund, only those clubs which contribute may claim reimbursement.

**11. Address by International director Mike Storkey DTM, PDG.**

**12. General Business**

Semi-Annual Conference – The issue of the lack of attendance at the Semi-Annual conference was raised. A suggestion was made that it always be held in Brisbane, which is accessible and where delegates could be billeted. There was a concern that it would become Brisbane – centric. Other thoughts included the fact that clubs don't know what goes on at SAC and there is a need to education; and that the concept used by the Aust Breast feeding Association (formerly Nursing Mothers) be utilised, whereby everyone pays the same registration fee which includes airfares for those who travel.

Delegates were asked to consider this issue for future discussion.

Bruce George nominated Ipswich as the host for the 2011 SAC and John McLean nominated Townsville as the host for the 2012 SAC.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am.

The meeting resumed at 11.07am.

**13. General Business cont.**

- Discussion followed regarding the electronic version of the District Directory. Ros Close advised that the electronic version was no good to people who didn't have computers.
- Nicky Jurd's letter regarding the high cost of Toastmasters International fees for clubs in PNG and other third world nations.  
Motion – “That District 69 approach the Board of Directors to consider restructuring the fees for Toastmasters Clubs in emerging nations.”  
Moved – Barry Mason; Seconded – John McLean. Carried.
- Motion – re Two highest placed contestants in Areas with four or fewer clubs.  
Motion – That the following new paragraph 1.4(h) be inserted into the District 69 Administrative Procedures and Practices.  
1.4(h) Following the Annual District 69 council meeting and prior to the start of the District 69 contest cycle the LGET elect shall communicate to all clubs and areas the district decision whether or not to allow the two highest placed available contestants to advance from club to area in areas with four assigned clubs or fewer.  
Moved Greg Bremen; Seconded – Lesley Storkey. Carried.
- Brian raised the issue raised in James Watson's letter. This related to the success of the Caterpillar organisation which is attributed to its workforce which is constantly learning, growing and striving for excellence, including Toastmasters' Clubs and Programs. An article relating to this appeared in the Toastmaster magazine, July 2010. Discussion followed and there was support for the concept especially in developing corporate clubs and in promoting speechcraft programs.
- Meeting closed at 11.40am.